



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: July 14, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
Contact: Jett Black-Maertz, Homelessness Assistance Programs Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Contract for Homeless Outreach through Opioid Settlement Funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for the use of Opioid Settlement Funding (OSF) in the amount not to exceed \$750,000. This Agreement will provide homeless outreach and engagement support services throughout the County for the period July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027;
- b) Authorize the Community Services Director, or designee, to execute budget amendments in alignment with the agreement and requirements to ensure full expenditure of the Opioid Settlement funds; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is before the Board of Supervisors following an 18-month service contract for homeless outreach and supportive services to people living unsheltered throughout the County. Staff requests that the Board authorize and approve an Agreement (Attachment A) with GSS in the amount of \$750,000 for the continuation of homeless outreach as a critical part of assisting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness move into shelter and permanent housing. If approved, this Agreement would provide funding for GSS outreach staff, transportation, supplies, and client incentives for a term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Discussion:

The continuation of homeless outreach and engagement services supported through the Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) is a crucial component to mitigating the local impacts of the opioid crisis among those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The funding will sustain a dedicated team focused on direct, street-based engagement with the aim of reducing harm, facilitating access to treatment and housing, and promoting stabilization for individuals. Originally funded by American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA), a Good Samaritan Outreach team agreement was approved by the board in 2022. Their experience over the years has supported progress toward countywide goals related to homelessness and behavioral health and ensuring alignment with the strategic priorities identified under the Opioid Unified Response (OUR SBC) framework.

During the full term, this Good Samaritan Shelter outreach team was able to serve 316 individuals, move 47 individuals into permanent housing, and placed 83 people into shelter or transitional programs, exceeding all goals for that period.

Table 1 listed below demonstrates performance measures for the term January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Table 1:

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons or persons at imminent or at risk of homelessness to be served	150
Number of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	80
Number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units)	24

Background:

On June 18, 2024, the Board received a report on the Opioid Unified Response (OUR SBC) strategic priorities and provided initial direction for utilizing the Opioid Settlement Funds. The Opioid Settlements are the result of litigation against distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids to recover the costs associated with opioid drug misuse caused by the deceptive marketing and sale of prescription opioids, and to obtain other remedies to mitigate the problem going forward. The Board approved the following general priority areas: 1) expanding “Prevention, Strengthening Treatment, and Harm Reduction” programs, and 2) supporting “Data Collection” efforts. Specific to the Community Service Department, the Board approved funding to continue outreach and engagement services, specifically to augment the American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA)

funded outreach team, which ended December 31, 2024. The total investment of OSF funding for the period of January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, was \$1,125,000.

Performance Measure:

The performance measures for the attached Subrecipient Agreement, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, are summarized below.

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons (or persons at imminent or at risk of homelessness) to be served	100
Number of unsheltered homeless persons entering shelter	55
Number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units)	15
% of adult participants will obtain earned income at project exit	20%
% of adult participants will obtain cash/non-cash benefits at project exit	85%
% of project participants entering permanent housing that will retain permanent housing at 1 year	85%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the proposed services will come from Opioid Settlement funds where the County Health and Community Services Departments have entered a memorandum of understanding. Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2026-2027 budget. There is no additional cost to the General Fund.

Fiscal Analysis:

The proposed funding action would approve \$750,000 in restricted Opioid Settlement funding to continue homeless outreach and engagement support services through June 30, 2027.

Funding Source	FY 2026-27	Total
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)	\$750,000	\$750,000

Staffing Impacts:

The current activity requested falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

Upon approval, please forward a certified copy of the minute order and executed copy of the subrecipient agreement to: Katherine Soto-Vasquez ksotovasquez@countyofsb.org and Steven Fung sfung@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Opioid Settlement Funding Good Samaritan Street Outreach Agreement (Signature Required)

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